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SUBJECT: CONGO-GABON RELATIONS

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1. GABON AMBASSADOR MBAYE TOLD CHARGE JUNE 15 THAT MEETING
BETWEEN GABON FOREIGN MINISTER BONGO AND YHOMBY-OPANGO
DEALT PRIMARILY WITH CONVEYING PRESIDENT BONGO'S CRITICISM OF YHOMBY'
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"INSULTS" AND THOSE OF CONGOLESE YOUTH GROUPS TOWARD AFRICAN
COUNTRIES ASSISTING ZAIRE IN FORM OF SHABA PEACE FORCE.
ACCORDING TO MBAYE, FOREIGN MINISTER BONGO RELAYED HIS PRESIDENT'S
STATEMENT THAT ANY HEAD OF STATE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR POSITIONS
TAKEN BY NATIONAL YOUTH ORGANIZATION AND THAT WHILE IT
WAS ONE THING TO INSULT A "BROTHER," I.E., BONGO, YHOMBY
SHOULD NOT ALLOW CRITICISM OF OTHER RESPECTED AFRICAN LEADERS
SUCH AS HOUPHOUET AND SENGHOR. SECONDLY, IF YHOMBY IS TO
CRITICIZE GABON FOR BEING CAPITALIST, GABON WOULD BEHAVE
LIKE A CAPITALIST VIS-A-VIS CONGO. THEREFORE,
GABON WANTED TO KNOW WHAT WAS HAPPENING TO DEBTS OWED GABON
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BY CONGO.

2. ACCORDING TO MBAYE, THESE STATEMENTS WERE SOBERING
FOR YHOMBY AND GABONESE DELEGATION LEFT SATISFIED WITH
HAVING PUT ITS VIEWS ON RECORD.
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